

They are always found in the densest bush: they browse chiefly on shrubs, and resemble the Bush-buck in their general habits.

The average height of an adult male is within a third of an adult Koodoo, and very much above that of a Bush-buck.

The female has no horns, resembles a female Koodoo in form, and is rather smaller in size.

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The following papers were read:—

1. ON NEW SPECIES OF BIRDS FROM AUSTRALIA.

By J. GOULD, F.R.S., F.Z.S. ETC.

On the present occasion I propose to characterize seven more of the novelties sent home by Mr. MacGillivray, Naturalist to H.M.S. 'Rattlesnake.' *Vide* Proceedings, 1849, p. 109.

TANYSIPTERA SYLVIA.

Bill and feet sealing-wax red; crown of the head, wings, and five lateral tail-feathers on each side blue; ear-coverts, back of the neck and mantle black; in the centre of the latter a triangular mark of white; rump and two middle tail-feathers pure white; all the under surface cinnamon-red.

Total length, 15 inches; bill, $1\frac{1}{2}$; wing, $3\frac{5}{8}$; lateral tail-feathers, 3; middle tail-feathers, $9\frac{1}{8}$; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. Cape York, Northern Australia.

Remark.—About the size of *T. Dea*. Fine specimens are contained in the British Museum collection.

HALCYON (SYMA?) FLAVIROSTRIS.

Bill fine yellow, passing into brown at the tip; crown of the head, back of the neck, ear-coverts and flanks cinnamon-red; at the back of the neck a narrow, broken collar of black; throat and lower part of the abdomen tawny white; back and wings sordid green; rump and tail greenish blue.

Total length, 7 inches; bill, $1\frac{7}{8}$; wing, 3; tail, $2\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. Cape York, Northern Australia.

Remark.—Smaller, but nearly allied to the *Syma Tirotoro* of M. Lesson. Some specimens have the crown of the head black. Fine specimens are contained in the collection at the British Museum.

DRYMODES SUPERCILIARIS.

Lores white; immediately above and below the eye a black mark, forming a conspicuous moustache; crown of the head and upper surface reddish brown, passing into chestnut-red on the rump and six middle tail-feathers; remainder of the tail-feathers black, tipped with white; wings black, with the base of the primaries and the tips of the coverts white, forming two bands across the wing; throat and

centre of the abdomen fawn-white; chest and flanks washed with tawny; bill black; legs fleshy brown.

Total length, $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches; bill, $\frac{7}{8}$; wing, $3\frac{3}{4}$; tail, 4; tarsi, $1\frac{5}{8}$.

Hab. Cape York, Northern Australia.

Remark.—About the size of *D. brunneopygia*. Fine specimens in the British Museum collection.

CARPOPHAGA ASSIMILIS.

Head, throat and ear-coverts grey; all the upper surface, wings and tail golden green; wing-coverts with a spot of rich yellow at the tip, forming an oblique band across the shoulder; line down the centre of the throat, chest and abdomen rich purple; under wing-coverts, vent, thighs and under tail-coverts rich orange-yellow; basal portion of the inner webs of the primaries and secondaries purplish cinnamon.

Total length, 14 inches; bill, 1; wing, 7; tail, 6; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

Hab. Cape York, Northern Australia.

Remark.—Very similar to *C. magnifica*, but considerably less in all its admeasurements. Specimens in the British Museum.

CHLAMYDERA CERVINIVENTRIS.

Upper surface brown, each feather narrowly margined, and marked at the tip with buffy white; throat striated with greyish brown and buff; under surface of the shoulder, abdomen, thighs and under tail-coverts light pure fawn colour.

Total length, $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, $1\frac{1}{4}$; wing, $5\frac{3}{4}$; tail, 5; tarsi, $1\frac{5}{8}$.

Hab. Cape York, Northern Australia.

Remark.—Intermediate in size between *C. nuchalis* and *C. maculata*, and distinguished from both by the fine fawn colouring of the under surface. A specimen in the British Museum of the male, apparently somewhat immature.

NECTARINIA AUSTRALIS.

Crown of the head and upper surface olive-green; over and under the eye two very indistinct marks of yellow; throat and chest steel-blue; remainder of the under surface fine yellow; bill and feet black.

Total length, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches; bill, $\frac{7}{8}$; wing, $2\frac{1}{8}$; tail, $1\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{5}{8}$.

Hab. Eastern coast of Australia.

Remark.—Differs from *N. franata* in its larger size, in its straighter bill, and in the stripe of yellow over the eye being almost obsolete. Specimens in the British Museum.

MONARCHA LEUCOTIS.

Crown of the head, back of the neck, back, primaries and six middle tail-feathers black; the three lateral tail-feathers on each side black with white tips; lores, a broad mark over the eye, ear-coverts, sides of the neck, scapularies and upper tail-coverts white; throat white, bounded below with black, the feathers lengthened and protuberant; chest and abdomen light grey; bill and feet lead-colour.

Total length, $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches; bill, $\frac{5}{8}$; wing, $2\frac{3}{4}$; tail, $2\frac{3}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{5}{8}$.

Hab. Cape York, Northern Australia.

Remark.—About the size of *M. trivirgata*. Specimens in the British Museum.